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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated March 26, 2004, which set forth a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on June 26, 2003. Submitted with the present Response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to July 26, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.